

The dispensary must be properly equipped. There must be a laboratory in connection with it, and x-ray apparatus, etc. Patients can be treated much more cheaply in the dispensary than in the wards of the hospital. Experience showed that interne treatment cost about twenty times as much as externe treatment. Those in charge of a dispensary should have staff meetings and study and discuss interesting cases. There should be a record of these cases. Some form of card system ought to be adopted.

Many patients went about from one dispensary to another. This could be prevented by the visiting nurse, and the social member system. The dispensaries could save much money on this class. Of these "drifters" many different diagnosis were made in the several dispensaries, according to the stage at which the saw the case. There should be co-operation among the dispensaries to avoid this evil.

There should be a complete understanding between the staff of the dispensary and the management of the hospital and dispensary. This was of the utmost value in securing good work and proper co-operation between the business side and the professional side of the work.

There should be a small fee charged patients. About 10 per cent. were very poor and could pay nothing. Such a fee should be charged those who afford a little as would meet the expenses of the dispensary, and enable it to treat quite free the destitute poor. Some large hospitals now had a profit from the dispensaries. Drugs, spectacles, crutches, trusses, etc., were supplied at a slight margin of profit.

THE NEW GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Quite recently the information has been given out that this institution will cost for grounds, buildings, and equipment at least \$3,250,000. This is a very large sum.

The number of beds, we learn, will be about 600. There are numerous lecture rooms and laboratories; and these things come high. These subsidiary buildings and the nurses' home are necessary, but they do not furnish accommodation for beds. One wonders where the money goes, but try to build a hospital and the discovery will soon be made.

The Western Hospital is erecting two pavilions for patients, and a centre building for administration and offices. These buildings will accommodate 150 patients, and will cost about \$180,000. A separate heating plant is being installed at a cost of about \$15,000. When this hospital is completed there will be accommodation for 350 beds. The total cost, including the nurses' home, will be about \$450,000.